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The reply filed on 09/24/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment of paper no. 7, 09/24/02 has multiple problems and therefore has not been entered. Some of the numerous problems associated with the amendment are as follows: I) The added claims 25-30, renumbered via Rule 126 as 26-31, are not new claims but rather correspond to original claims 20-25; II) Claims 3, 8, 15, 20 and 23 are NEW claims and not original claims to be amended; III) Most of the claims(Amended) actually correspond to a preceding claim, e.g., claim 4(Amended) actually corresponds to claim 3(Amended). The same problem exists for claims 5-7, 9-14, 16-19, 21, 22 and 24; IV) There is no Marked-up version for most of the claims alleged amended. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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